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SUBJECT: US-PRC GRAIN TRADE

REFERENCE: STATE 277891 DEC 191829Z

1. NO USLO STAFF MEMBER HAS TALKED TO REUTERS OR OTHERS IN PEKING ALONG LINES OF PARA 1 REFTEL. WE VIEW POSTPONEMENT OF US WHEAT SHIPMENTS IN BROADER CONTEXT OF POSTPONEMENTS AFFECTING CANADA, ARGENTINA AND AUSTRALIA FOR GRAIN, JAPAN WITH REGARD TO STEEL, FERTILIZER AND MACHINERY, AND PROBABLY OTHER COUNTRIES IN RESPECT TO OTHER GOODS. IF WE WERE ASKED, OUR COMMENT, ON A NON-ATTRIBUTABLE BASIS, WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT THE US AND OTHER POSTPONEMENTS APPEAR LINKED TO CHINA'S OVERALL HARD CURRENCY TRADE IMBALANCE THIS YEAR, WHICH THE CHINESE HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN TRYING TO REDUCE BY CUTTINB BACK ON FOURTH QUARTER IMPORTS.

2. AGAIN WE SUSPECT THAT "AMERICAN SOURCES" IS SAM JAFFE, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN DRAWING ON REMARKS WHICH SENATOR MANSFIELD APPARENTLY MADE TO HIM, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CHINESE ARE NOT PLEASED ABOUT THE IMBALANCE IN SINO-US TRADE. WHATEVER THE CHINESE

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MAY HAVE SAID, HOWEVER, WE SUSPECT IT BECAME EXAGGERATED AND DISTORTED

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